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Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION NOVEMBER 1985 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

JOBLESS RATE RISES

An additional 27,600 Texans joined the ranks of the unemployed between September and October, pushing total unemployment up to 604,700 in mid-October. The actual unemployment rate rose over the month from 7.2 percent to 7.6 percent, which was over two full percentage points above the October 1984 rate of 5.3 percent.

There were an estimated 7,393,300 jobholders in the State in mid-October, some 26,200 below the September level and 165,600 below the year-ago total. The decline in employment and the corresponding rise in unemployment were primarily the results of an economy weakened by cheap foreign oil prices and the continued devaluation of the Mexican peso.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Oct. 1985	Sep. 1985	Oct. 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	116,345.0	115,850.0	114,251.0
Unemployment	7,917.0	7,984.0	7,989.0
Percent Unemployed	6.8	6.9	7.0
Total Employment	108,428.0	107,866.0	106,262.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	116,158.0	115,818.0	114,016.0
Unemployment	8,291.0	8,274.0	8,367.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1	7.1	7.3
Total Employment	107,867.0	107,544.0	105,649.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,998.0	7,996.6	7,925.0
Unemployment	604.7	577.1	416.1
Percent Unemployed	7.6	7.2	5.3
Total Employment	7,393.3	7,419.5	7,508.9
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,997.0	7,976.0	7,927.0
Unemployment	645.0	568.0	451.0
Percent Unemployed	8.1	7.1	5.7
Total Employment	7,352.0	7,408.0	7,476.0

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas rose a full percentage point over the month, to 8.1 percent in October 1985. This was the highest rate in the seasonally adjusted series since September 1983, just prior to the State's emergence from the recession. In both the actual and the seasonally adjusted series, the Texas rates were considerably above those for the Nation as a whole. The actual U. S. rate edged downward over the month from 6.9 percent to 6.8 percent, while the seasonally adjusted rate remained at 7.1 percent.

NONFARM SALARIED EMPLOYMENT RISES

Fueled primarily by seasonal increases in the private and public educational sectors, nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 22,200 between September and October. The largest of these gains was in government, where both the state and local sectors recorded substantial increases as schools and colleges completed their auxiliary staffing for the fall semester. These additions, plus smaller gains in federal government, pushed total government employment up by 24,400 in October.

The educational sector of services also expanded over the month, as private schools and colleges added workers. Other service sectors recording growth in October

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Oct.'85*	Sep.'85**	Oct.'84**	Oct.'85*	Sep.'85**	Oct.'84**	Oct.'85*	Sep.'85**	Oct.'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,700	53,900	52,900	81,600	81,700	80,500	353,500	351,800	338,400
Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,500	9,900	10,000	9,700	41,100	41,400	41,300
Mining	4,000	4,000	4,000	1,500	1,500	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,000
Construction	2,900	2,900	3,000	5,100	5,200	4,500	28,800	28,800	26,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,900	2,800	6,100	6,200	6,400	9,600	9,500	9,300
Trade	14,600	14,600	14,000	24,800	24,900	24,100	75,400	75,300	73,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,300	4,300	4,400	25,700	25,400	23,100
Services & Misc.	12,900	13,000	12,800	15,700	15,700	15,500	80,700	80,800	74,400
Government	8,100	8,000	8,100	14,200	13,900	14,000	91,100	89,500	89,700
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	136,100	136,400	143,400	58,100	58,500	59,400	64,600	65,300	63,800
Manufacturing	27,100	27,100	30,900	16,200	16,600	17,100	9,900	10,100	10,100
Mining	2,700	2,700	3,000	2,100	2,100	2,400	100	100	100
Construction	8,600	8,700	9,900	6,100	5,900	6,900	3,300	3,500	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,400	11,400	11,800	2,200	2,300	2,500	3,200	3,300	3,100
Trade	33,300	33,500	34,000	10,700	11,200	10,800	18,100	18,300	18,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,600	2,400	2,400	2,200	3,300	3,400	3,200
Services & Misc.	27,300	27,400	28,200	7,600	7,600	7,400	12,000	12,000	11,800
Government	20,200	20,100	20,000	10,800	10,400	10,100	14,700	14,600	14,100
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	51,500	49,400	49,900	136,900	137,000	134,500	1,249.5	1,247.9	1,234.3
Manufacturing	3,600	3,600	3,400	13,500	13,500	13,900	221.4	221.5	223.8
Mining	1,400	1,500	1,400	7,300	7,400	7,900	23.5	23.6	23.2
Construction	2,900	2,700	3,000	12,300	12,300	10,500	81.1	82.1	78.6
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,700	1,600	7,700	7,700	7,700	78.1	78.1	75.9
Trade	11,300	11,200	10,700	34,800	35,000	34,000	330.1	328.5	327.4
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	1,900	2,000	6,400	6,400	6,400	118.8	118.7	115.8
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,700	7,300	27,500	27,300	26,600	261.1	261.2	259.2
Government	21,100	19,100	20,500	27,400	27,400	27,500	135.4	134.2	130.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	176,400	177,100	173,100	489,700	491,100	472,000	74,000	74,000	73,300
Manufacturing	39,900	41,400	39,400	111,200	110,800	108,700	9,700	9,800	10,300
Mining	500	500	400	4,600	4,600	4,900	1,200	1,200	1,000
Construction	9,300	9,600	9,100	29,900	30,300	28,300	4,000	4,000	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,300	9,500	9,800	24,700	24,800	23,800	5,500	5,700	5,800
Trade	41,600	41,800	41,000	135,100	135,000	131,900	13,800	14,100	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,500	8,500	8,300	27,800	27,700	25,900	5,100	4,900	4,900
Services & Misc.	31,400	31,200	29,900	94,400	96,800	89,300	12,700	13,000	12,200
Government	35,900	34,600	35,200	62,000	61,100	59,200	22,000	21,300	20,700

included business and repair services, where personnel supply agencies provided much of the increase, and personal services, where dry cleaners stepped up hiring. These gains were partially nullified by a large decrease in amusement, including motion pictures, which deleted jobs as amusement parks closed for the winter, and a more moderate seasonal decline in hotels and other lodging places. These offsetting losses held employment growth in services in October to 2,400 in spite of the large advances in other sectors.

The only other nonmanufacturing industry which recorded over-the-month increases was finance, insurance and real estate. Advances among insurance carriers, agents and brokers generated most of the moderate growth in this industry, as other finance, insurance and real estate lost jobs and banking produced only a mininal increase.

Both the wholesale and retail segments of trade reported losses in October, as employment in trade dropped by 2,400. A sizeable decrease was reported in other retail trade, which includes eating and drinking places, while smaller seasonal declines occurred in building materials and garden supplies and in automotive dealers and service stations. The only notable advance in trade occurred among general merchandise stores; but this increase was not sufficient to overcome more numerous declines.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Oct. '85*	Sep. '85**	Oct. '84**
	HOUSTON 2/		
TOTAL	1,498.4	1,496.3	1,471.1
Manufacturing	172.2	173.3	176.8
Mining	96.5	97.5	96.1
Construction	109.3	110.5	113.7
Trans., Comm., & Util.	104.5	104.7	100.6
Trade	369.7	370.2	372.4
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	118.7	118.9	110.1
Services & Misc.	340.4	339.7	325.5
Government	187.1	182.4	175.9
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	66,400	66,300	67,000
Manufacturing	15,100	15,000	15,100
Mining	4,700	4,800	4,800
Construction	4,100	4,400	5,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,400
Trade	16,500	16,600	16,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,000	3,000
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,000	10,900
Government	8,500	8,300	8,400
	MIDLAND		
TOTAL	52,000	52,000	52,800
Manufacturing	3,300	3,400	3,500
Mining	11,600	11,600	12,900
Construction	2,700	2,700	2,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,500
Trade	12,700	12,600	12,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,600
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,900	9,000
Government	6,900	6,900	6,000
	SAN ANTONIO		
TOTAL	475,600	475,400	465,700
Manufacturing	49,300	49,800	52,100
Mining	3,600	3,500	3,600
Construction	35,800	36,000	34,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,200	18,300	18,400
Trade	126,800	127,500	121,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	36,000	36,000	34,100
Services & Misc.	102,900	102,300	100,400
Government	103,000	102,000	100,400
	TYLER		
TOTAL	63,100	62,500	61,100
Manufacturing	12,500	12,300	12,600
Mining	3,300	3,300	3,500
Construction	3,300	3,300	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,800
Trade	16,600	16,300	15,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,400
Services & Misc.	12,600	12,700	12,200
Government	8,300	8,100	7,900
	WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	51,800	52,000	51,500
Manufacturing	9,000	9,200	9,300
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,300
Construction	2,200	2,200	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	12,700	12,700	12,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400
Services & Misc.	9,600	9,600	9,500
Government	10,100	10,100	10,200

Industry	Oct. '85*	Sep. '85**	Oct. '84**
	KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	66,600	66,400	64,700
Manufacturing	8,500	8,600	8,800
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	4,100	4,100	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,100
Trade	16,300	16,300	15,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	3,000	2,700
Services & Misc.	12,500	12,200	11,900
Government	19,300	19,200	18,700
	LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	95,000	94,800	92,200
Manufacturing	8,200	8,500	8,800
Mining	400	400	600
Construction	5,400	5,400	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,200	5,100	4,800
Trade	28,000	27,900	26,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,800	5,700	5,600
Services & Misc.	19,900	20,000	19,800
Government	22,100	21,800	21,300
	ODESSA		
TOTAL	53,200	53,200	53,600
Manufacturing	4,400	4,500	5,000
Mining	8,200	8,200	8,600
Construction	3,800	3,900	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,500	2,500
Trade	15,900	15,900	16,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	2,200
Services & Misc.	8,500	8,400	8,100
Government	7,800	7,800	7,500
	SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	37,400	37,300	37,200
Manufacturing	11,800	11,800	12,400
Mining	300	300	300
Construction	1,300	1,300	1,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	8,200	8,200	8,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,300
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,300	7,000
Government	5,000	4,900	4,900
	VICTORIA 3/		
TOTAL	29,400	29,800	30,100
Manufacturing	2,900	2,900	3,000
Mining	2,800	2,800	3,200
Construction	2,600	2,800	2,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,700	1,700	1,500
Trade	8,400	8,600	8,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	5,200	5,200	5,500
Government	4,200	4,200	4,300

Industry	Oct. '85*	Sep. '85**	Oct. '84**
	LAREDO		
TOTAL	33,100	33,400	31,800
Manufacturing	1,900	1,900	2,000
Mining	1,800	1,700	1,800
Construction	1,400	1,400	1,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,700	3,500
Trade	10,000	10,200	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	5,200	5,200	5,000
Government	7,700	7,700	7,300
	MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	81,400	80,800	78,900
Manufacturing	11,300	10,800	11,100
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,800
Construction	4,500	4,600	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,600
Trade	24,000	23,900	23,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,500
Services & Misc.	12,300	12,400	12,000
Government	21,200	21,000	20,000
	SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	38,600	38,700	38,500
Manufacturing	5,300	5,300	5,500
Mining	900	900	900
Construction	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,900	3,900	3,800
Trade	10,000	10,100	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,500	7,700
Government	6,700	6,600	6,600
	TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	46,500	46,400	45,800
Manufacturing	7,600	7,700	7,500
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	1,800	1,900	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,800	1,800	1,800
Trade	12,000	12,000	11,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,600	8,300
Government	12,700	12,600	12,800
	WACO		
TOTAL	79,400	78,900	78,000
Manufacturing	15,900	15,800	15,900
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	4,400	4,600	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,600
Trade	19,800	19,700	19,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,800	4,900
Services & Misc.	18,800	18,500	18,100
Government	12,100	11,800	11,600

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Oct. 1985*	Sep. 1985**	Oct. 1984**	Change From Sep. 1985	Change From Oct. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,636,800	6,614,600	6,500,300	22,200	136,500
Manufacturing	992,200	991,800	1,004,800	400	-12,600
Durable Goods	578,600	579,500	587,100	-900	-8,500
Lumber & Wood Products	41,600	41,600	42,700	0	-1,100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,900	6,900	7,200	0	-300
Furniture & Fixtures	17,600	17,600	18,100	0	-500
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	50,400	50,600	48,900	-200	1,500
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	25,600	25,600	23,500	0	2,100
Primary Metal Industries	35,600	35,700	36,800	-100	-1,200
Fabricated Metal Industries	84,100	84,600	83,500	-500	600
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,500	43,900	43,700	-400	-200
Machinery, Except Electrical	124,300	125,300	133,600	-1,000	-9,300
Oil Field Machinery	37,800	38,400	40,400	-600	-2,600
Electric & Electronic Equipment	109,300	109,400	111,000	-100	-1,700
Transportation Equipment	80,100	79,800	76,500	300	3,600
Aircraft & Parts	42,200	42,000	38,900	200	3,300
Instruments & Related Products	22,400	22,300	22,900	100	-500
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,200	12,600	13,100	600	100
Nondurable Goods	413,600	412,300	417,700	1,300	-4,100
Food & Kindred Products	101,500	100,700	96,900	800	4,600
Meat Products	27,800	27,600	26,100	200	1,700
Dairy Products	5,400	5,400	5,300	0	100
Bakery Products	12,500	12,000	11,000	500	1,500
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,100	3,000	-100	0
Textile Mill Products	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	-100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	59,300	58,800	60,600	500	-1,300
Paper & Allied Products	23,800	23,900	24,100	-100	-300
Printing & Publishing	73,600	73,200	71,800	400	1,800
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	36,800	36,700	35,500	100	1,300
Chemicals & Allied Products	75,700	75,700	76,000	0	-300
Petroleum & Coal Products	34,400	34,300	41,600	100	-7,200
Petroleum Refining	31,200	31,200	38,400	0	-7,200
Leather & Leather Products	7,400	7,600	7,900	-200	-500
Other Nondurable Goods	33,100	33,300	33,900	-200	-800
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,644,600	5,622,800	5,495,500	21,800	149,100
Mining	260,900	263,000	271,000	-2,100	-10,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	251,400	253,500	261,400	-2,100	-10,000
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,500	9,500	9,600	0	-100
Construction	439,300	439,700	427,800	-400	11,500
Transportation & Public Utilities	375,300	376,200	371,900	-900	3,400
Railroad Transportation	23,500	23,500	25,300	0	-1,800
Transportation, Except Railroads	184,900	185,900	179,200	-1,000	5,700
Transportation by Air	41,600	42,000	37,700	-400	3,900
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	86,800	86,600	88,900	200	-2,100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,100	80,200	78,500	-100	1,600
Electric Services	45,000	45,000	44,100	0	900
Gas Production & Distribution	28,400	28,500	28,500	-100	-100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,646,900	1,649,300	1,622,900	-2,400	24,000
Wholesale Trade	424,500	425,600	429,200	-1,100	-4,700
Retail Trade	1,222,400	1,223,700	1,193,700	-1,300	28,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	55,000	55,700	54,400	-700	600
General Merchandise Stores	162,000	160,500	156,100	1,500	5,900
Food Stores	220,800	220,500	213,600	300	7,200
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	141,300	142,000	136,500	-700	4,800
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,200	80,300	80,600	-100	-400
Other Retail Trade	563,100	564,700	552,500	-1,600	10,600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	430,100	429,300	418,900	800	11,200
Banking	106,600	106,400	104,900	200	1,700
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	133,500	132,100	128,500	1,400	5,000
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	190,000	190,800	185,500	-800	4,500
Services	1,315,100	1,312,700	1,278,900	2,400	36,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	77,300	77,700	78,600	-400	-1,300
Personal Services	84,100	83,200	79,800	900	4,300
Business & Repair Services	367,800	366,600	358,800	1,200	9,000
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	59,100	62,500	54,500	-3,400	4,600
Health Services	342,800	343,200	341,400	-400	1,400
Educational Services	63,900	61,200	60,700	2,700	3,200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	320,100	318,300	305,100	1,800	15,000
Total Government	1,177,000	1,152,600	1,104,100	24,400	72,900
Total Federal Government	187,400	186,900	177,700	500	9,700
Total State Government	284,000	275,400	260,600	8,600	23,400
Total Local Government	705,600	690,300	665,800	15,300	39,800

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	Oct. '85*	Sep. '85**	Oct. '84**	Oct. '85*	Sep. '85**	Oct. '84**	Oct. '85*	Sep. '85**	Oct. '84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,700	64,300	64,000	102,200	102,800	102,200	402,700	400,700	389,000
Total Unemployment	3,800	3,300	2,400	6,000	6,000	4,500	20,600	18,600	12,000
Percent Unemployed	5.9	5.1	3.8	5.9	5.8	4.4	5.1	4.6	3.1
Total Employment 2/	60,900	61,000	61,600	96,200	96,800	97,700	382,100	382,100	377,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	172,700	172,800	178,800	83,100	83,100	84,800	92,800	92,700	91,700
Total Unemployment	24,200	23,400	17,400	7,300	7,100	5,100	13,800	12,900	10,900
Percent Unemployed	14.0	13.5	9.7	8.8	8.5	6.0	14.9	13.9	11.9
Total Employment 2/	148,500	149,400	161,400	75,800	76,000	79,700	79,000	79,800	80,800
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,200	58,900	60,200	172,100	172,400	169,400	1,318.1	1,319.4	1,315.7
Total Unemployment	3,100	2,900	1,900	16,500	15,900	12,000	69.7	67.2	43.5
Percent Unemployed	5.1	4.9	3.2	9.6	9.2	7.1	5.3	5.1	3.3
Total Employment 2/	58,100	56,000	58,300	155,600	156,500	157,400	1,248.4	1,252.2	1,272.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	206,800	208,400	205,100	622,100	626,800	606,600	97,400	97,300	96,300
Total Unemployment	23,000	22,200	18,900	34,100	35,000	22,100	11,400	10,800	8,000
Percent Unemployed	11.1	10.7	9.2	5.5	5.6	3.6	11.7	11.1	8.3
Total Employment 2/	183,800	186,200	186,200	588,000	591,800	584,500	86,000	86,500	88,300
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,690.8	1,689.8	1,671.0	81,700	81,000	78,600	39,300	38,900	38,600
Total Unemployment	137.8	132.0	95.4	6,900	6,300	4,300	5,800	5,200	5,200
Percent Unemployed	8.1	7.8	5.7	8.4	7.8	5.5	14.8	13.4	13.5
Total Employment 2/	1,553.0	1,557.8	1,575.6	74,800	74,700	74,300	33,500	33,700	33,400
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,100	77,700	78,000	115,000	114,100	113,600	122,700	117,800	117,100
Total Unemployment	8,600	7,900	5,500	7,200	6,500	5,100	26,700	25,000	22,000
Percent Unemployed	11.0	10.2	7.1	6.3	5.7	4.5	21.8	21.2	18.8
Total Employment 2/	69,500	69,800	72,500	107,800	107,600	108,500	96,000	92,800	95,100
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,500	64,500	66,500	67,600	68,100	69,100	51,000	51,000	51,300
Total Unemployment	3,500	3,300	2,400	4,300	4,300	3,000	2,800	2,600	1,900
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.1	3.6	6.4	6.3	4.3	5.5	5.1	3.7
Total Employment 2/	61,000	61,200	64,100	63,300	63,800	66,100	48,200	48,400	49,400
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	541,700	543,200	536,200	43,000	43,500	42,900	52,600	53,000	51,200
Total Unemployment	35,400	35,400	24,600	3,100	3,400	2,000	5,000	5,100	3,500
Percent Unemployed	6.5	6.5	4.6	7.2	7.8	4.7	9.5	9.6	6.8
Total Employment 2/	506,300	507,800	511,600	39,900	40,100	40,900	47,600	47,900	47,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	84,000	82,400	81,500	37,900	38,200	39,000	94,900	94,200	95,100
Total Unemployment	6,600	5,600	3,300	2,800	2,600	2,000	5,500	5,000	4,900
Percent Unemployed	7.9	6.8	4.0	7.4	6.8	5.1	5.8	5.3	5.2
Total Employment 2/	77,400	76,800	78,200	35,100	35,600	37,000	89,400	89,200	90,200
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,500	61,800	62,400				7,998.0	7,996.6	7,925.0
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,300	2,600				604.7	577.1	416.1
Percent Unemployed	5.9	5.3	4.2				7.6	7.2	5.3
Total Employment 2/	57,900	58,500	59,800				7,393.3	7,419.5	7,508.9

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct.± 1985	Sep. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct.± 1985	Sep. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct.± 1985	Sep. 1985	Oct. 1984
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 387.39	$ 391.35	$ 372.94	41.3	41.5	41.3	$ 9.38	$ 9.43	$ 9.03
Durable Goods	386.14	389.99	368.52	41.7	41.8	41.5	9.26	9.33	8.88
Lumber & Wood Products	269.56	276.74	258.72	39.7	40.4	39.2	6.79	6.85	6.60
Furniture & Fixtures	250.11	260.07	230.49	39.7	40.7	39.0	6.30	6.39	5.91
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	387.82	387.55	342.72	45.2	44.7	42.0	8.58	8.67	8.16
Primary Metal Industries	412.85	435.54	408.18	40.2	42.0	40.9	10.27	10.37	9.98
Fabricated Metal Products	362.03	364.73	355.70	41.0	41.4	41.7	8.83	8.81	8.53
Machinery, exc. Electric	408.92	406.56	388.57	42.2	42.0	42.7	9.69	9.68	9.10
Oil Field Machinery	489.72	482.47	499.96	42.4	42.1	45.7	11.55	11.46	10.94
Electric & Electronic Equip.	403.34	411.86	411.58	40.7	40.9	42.3	9.91	10.07	9.73
Transportation Equipment	525.89	530.37	489.48	43.0	42.6	41.8	12.23	12.45	11.71
Instruments & Related Prod.	324.81	336.20	283.44	40.1	40.9	38.2	8.10	8.22	7.42
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	270.94	255.27	288.84	42.4	40.2	41.8	6.39	6.35	6.91
Nondurable Goods	390.19	393.87	378.02	40.9	41.2	41.0	9.54	9.56	9.22
Food & Kindred Products	329.01	340.32	329.47	41.7	42.7	42.9	7.89	7.97	7.68
Meat Products	279.79	286.38	287.67	42.2	43.0	44.6	6.63	6.66	6.45
Malt Beverages	717.64	774.18	715.50	44.0	46.0	45.4	16.31	16.83	15.76
Textile Mill Products	280.98	285.52	263.48	40.9	41.5	39.8	6.87	6.88	6.62
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	193.29	188.40	187.61	37.1	36.3	37.9	5.21	5.19	4.95
Paper & Allied Products	443.04	444.70	431.10	41.6	41.6	43.9	10.65	10.69	9.82
Printing & Publishing	373.74	374.13	355.11	39.3	40.1	39.9	9.51	9.33	8.90
Chemicals & Allied Products	624.45	619.40	601.02	42.8	42.6	42.0	14.59	14.54	14.31
Petroleum & Coal Products	607.35	604.70	537.94	44.3	44.3	39.7	13.71	13.65	13.55
Petroleum Refining	628.08	625.52	555.01	44.2	44.3	39.7	14.21	14.12	13.98
Leather & Leather Products	214.37	228.93	212.06	40.6	39.0	37.8	5.28	5.87	5.61
Other Nondurable Goods	364.83	379.43	358.68	41.6	42.3	42.7	8.77	8.97	8.40
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	481.31	484.61	468.90	43.4	43.0	45.0	11.09	11.27	10.42
Oil & Gas Extraction	483.04	485.63	472.20	43.4	42.9	45.1	11.13	11.32	10.47
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	441.09	438.00	373.63	43.5	43.8	40.7	10.14	10.00	9.18
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	489.24	494.09	434.90	40.5	40.8	38.9	12.08	12.11	11.18
Elec., Gas & San. Services	460.75	471.77	435.20	40.1	40.6	39.6	11.49	11.62	10.99
Wholesale & Retail Trade	227.18	229.18	226.44	32.5	32.6	33.3	6.99	7.03	6.80
Wholesale Trade	376.00	378.65	364.17	40.0	39.9	39.8	9.40	9.49	9.15
Retail Trade	181.20	183.31	181.58	30.2	30.4	31.2	6.00	6.03	5.82
General Merchandise Stores	180.42	179.97	163.10	29.1	29.6	29.6	6.20	6.08	5.51
Banking	268.84	281.46	262.19	37.6	39.2	38.9	7.15	7.18	6.74

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 383.31	$ 388.74	$ 354.96	41.8	41.8	40.8	$ 9.17	$ 9.30	$ 8.70
Durable Goods	399.61	405.60	370.39	41.8	41.6	41.2	9.56	9.75	8.99
Nondurable Goods	346.11	353.19	320.79	41.7	42.4	39.8	8.30	8.33	8.06
FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	392.18	396.61	366.33	41.5	41.4	41.3	9.45	9.58	8.87
Durable Goods	415.17	416.25	377.39	41.6	41.5	41.2	9.98	10.03	9.16
Nondurable Goods	334.97	346.86	337.40	41.1	41.0	41.5	8.15	8.46	8.13
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	472.51	475.84	463.11	42.8	42.6	43.0	11.04	11.17	10.77
Durable Goods	418.18	421.15	416.90	43.2	42.8	43.7	9.68	9.84	9.54
Nondurable Goods	546.04	549.44	526.67	42.1	42.2	42.1	12.97	13.02	12.51
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	296.53	296.62	267.24	40.9	40.8	39.3	7.25	7.27	6.80
Durable Goods	315.88	313.44	295.71	42.4	42.3	40.9	7.45	7.41	7.23
Nondurable Goods	276.28	280.92	238.64	39.3	39.4	37.7	7.03	7.13	6.33

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Low foreign oil prices continued to depress activity in domestic oil and gas extraction, and an additional 2,100 jobs were deleted in October, bringing the total decline in mining during the past year to 10,000.

Employers in transportation and public utilities cut 900 positions in October, as only communications recorded even a moderate increase. Several sectors of transportation, except railroads, reported cutbacks, including trucking and warehousing, water transportation, and transportation by air.

Employment in construction remained at a virtual standstill over the month, with 400 fewer jobs in October. Although interest rates remained fairly low, the glut of already-completed residential and commercial properties in many areas has slowed building activity considerably.

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Moderate growth in three nondurable goods industries helped push total manufacturing employment up 400 over the month despite some sizeable downturns in durable goods sectors. The largest of these declines was in nonelectrical machinery, which lost 1,000 jobs, primarily in the oil field machinery segment. The structural portion of fabricated metal industries reported a moderate decrease, while smaller drops were noted in stone, clay and glass products and in primary metal industries. A small increase in transportation equipment and a larger one in miscellaneous manufacturing industries could not provide enough jobs to compensate for the larger losses, leaving durable goods with 900 fewer jobs in October.

Most nondurable goods employers added positions over the month, for an increase of 1,300. The most notable growth occurred in food and kindred products, as businesses hired workers in preparation for the Holiday season. Seasonal increases boosted employment in apparel and other finished textile products, and printing and publishing also added workers. The only declines occurred in leather and leather products, in other nondurable goods, and in paper and allied products, but all of these decreases were minor.

HOURS AND EARNINGS DECLINE

There were an estimated 655,200 Texas manufacturing production workers in October, down 2,100 from September. Average weekly hours worked by production workers dropped 0.2 hour over the month, and average hourly earnings also decreased by 5¢. The average worker in October was working a 41.3-hour week at $9.38 per hour and averaging $387.39 per week. Average weekly earnings declined by $3.96 between September and October.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1984
Total Population	16,320,700	16,055,500*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.3	1.5
UI Covered Employers	313,466	305,214
Total Claims Actions	494,259	451,367
Total Initial Claims Actions	74,992	73,278
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	419,267	378,089
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$143.86	$133.30
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$54,636,268	$42,472,021
Total Placements	40,259	45,166

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

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THANKS, TEXAS EMPLOYERS!

The staff of TEC would like to extend our special thanks to all employers who have participated in the Current Employment Statistics (CES) Survey during the past year. Your continued cooperation in providing current employment, hours and earnings data to us makes it possible for us to publish many of the statistics in this newsletter.

UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS

The number of Texans actively seeking work declined substantially between October and November, pulling the unemployment rate down from October's 7.6 percent to 6.5 percent in November. In the actual series, there were 514,700 unemployed in November, while 7,445,800 Texas residents had jobs. The November actual rate was the lowest in that series since April's 6.3 percent, although it was still above the November 1984 rate of 5.4 percent. November was the first time since July that employment had risen over the month and was also above its year-ago level.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	116,097.0	116,345.0	114,115.0
Unemployment	7,815.0	7,917.0	7,869.0
Percent Unemployed	6.7	6.8	6.9
Total Employment	108,282.0	108,428.0	106,246.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	116,067.0	116,158.0	114,074.0
Unemployment	8,140.0	8,291.0	8,142.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.1	7.1
Total Employment	107,927.0	107,867.0	105,932.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,960.5	7,998.0	7,849.0
Unemployment	514.7	604.7	427.7
Percent Unemployed	6.5	7.6	5.4
Total Employment	7,445.8	7,393.3	7,421.3
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,996.0	7,997.0	7,883.0
Unemployment	549.0	645.0	452.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9	8.1	5.7
Total Employment	7,447.0	7,352.0	7,431.0

Evidence that all of the over-the-month employment growth was not seasonal appears in the seasonally adjusted series, where employment increased by 95,000 and the unemployment rate dropped from October's 8.1 percent to 6.9 percent in November. The November 1984 rate was considerably lower, at 5.7 percent. The declines in unemployment once again brought Texas' rates below those for the Nation, as the U. S. actual rate slid from 6.8 percent in October to 6.7 percent in November and the seasonally adjusted rate edged down from 7.1 percent to 7.0 percent over the month.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT RISES MODERATELY

Statewide nonfarm salaried jobs rose by 6,600 between October and November, an increase about half the size of the growth during the same period in 1984. Seasonal hires in both government and retail trade generated most of the monthly expansion.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Nov. '85*	Oct. '85**	Nov. '84**	Nov. '85*	Oct. '85**	Nov. '84**	Nov. '85*	Oct. '85**	Nov. '84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,700	53,700	53,000	91,800	91,900	90,400	355,100	354,300	340,200
Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,500	9,900	10,000	9,600	41,200	41,300	41,400
Mining	4,000	4,000	3,900	1,500	1,500	1,800	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	5,000	5,100	4,500	27,900	28,300	26,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800	6,000	6,100	6,400	9,500	9,600	9,100
Trade	14,600	14,600	14,100	25,000	24,800	24,400	75,900	75,300	74,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,300	4,300	4,400	25,600	25,700	23,300
Services & Misc.	12,900	12,900	12,900	15,800	15,900	15,500	81,700	81,100	74,400
Government	6,100	6,100	6,200	14,300	14,200	13,800	92,200	91,900	89,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	136,100	135,800	143,000	58,500	58,200	59,400	64,800	64,600	64,100
Manufacturing	26,600	26,600	30,300	16,200	16,300	17,000	9,800	9,700	10,100
Mining	2,800	2,800	2,900	2,000	2,100	2,400	100	100	100
Construction	8,600	8,700	9,600	6,200	6,100	7,200	3,400	3,400	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,400	11,400	11,800	2,200	2,200	2,400	3,200	3,200	3,100
Trade	33,900	33,300	34,600	11,000	10,700	10,800	18,300	18,100	18,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,600	2,400	2,400	2,200	3,300	3,300	3,200
Services & Misc.	27,900	27,800	28,000	7,600	7,600	7,200	12,200	12,100	11,900
Government	20,300	20,200	20,700	10,900	10,800	10,200	14,700	14,700	14,100
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	51,200	51,800	50,700	237,100	237,300	234,400	1,254.8	1,252.6	1,238.2
Manufacturing	3,600	3,600	3,400	13,400	13,500	13,700	222.4	221.9	224.7
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	7,300	7,300	7,900	23.5	23.5	23.6
Construction	2,700	2,800	3,000	12,600	12,400	10,800	79.4	81.0	78.3
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,900	2,000	1,600	7,600	7,700	7,600	77.8	78.1	76.1
Trade	11,100	11,400	10,600	35,300	34,700	34,000	331.0	330.6	330.4
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	2,000	6,300	6,300	6,400	118.5	118.6	116.3
Services & Misc.	7,700	7,700	7,400	27,500	27,600	26,600	261.6	261.5	257.7
Government	21,200	22,000	20,600	27,700	27,800	27,400	138.3	137.2	131.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	175,700	176,400	169,800	490,700	489,500	468,400	74,000	74,100	73,400
Manufacturing	39,300	39,600	39,300	111,300	111,300	103,700	9,900	9,700	10,300
Mining	500	500	400	4,600	4,600	4,900	1,100	1,200	1,100
Construction	9,100	9,300	9,200	29,800	29,700	28,700	3,900	3,900	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,200	9,300	9,400	25,200	25,100	23,800	5,600	5,700	6,000
Trade	41,900	41,600	41,700	135,800	134,900	132,900	13,800	13,900	13,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,500	8,500	7,900	28,200	27,900	25,900	5,000	5,000	4,800
Services & Misc.	31,700	31,400	27,600	93,700	94,400	89,000	12,600	12,700	12,200
Government	35,600	35,900	34,300	62,100	61,900	59,500	22,100	22,000	20,700

Over 10,000 additional jobs were created, primarily in the local and state educational sectors of government, as schools prepared for year-end activities. The Postal Service also added workers in anticipation of the Holiday rush. These increases combined to push government employment up by 11,500 over the month.

The normal seasonal advances in several sectors of retail trade were responsible for 8,800 new hires in November, but a decline in the wholesale portion held the total trade increase to 7,800. The bulk of the additions occurred, as expected, in general merchandise stores, which gained 6,800 jobs in November. More moderate growth was recorded in apparel and accessory stores and in other retail trade. The only downturns in retail trade were seasonal losses in automotive dealers and service stations and in building materials and garden supplies.

The only other major industry group which reported an over-the-month gain was finance, insurance and real estate, where sizeable advances among insurance carriers, agents and brokers were partially nullified by decreases in banking and in other finance, insurance and real estate.

Despite an increase of over 2,000 in personal services, the seasonal loss of 7,000 jobs in amusement, including motion pictures, as remaining amusement parks were shut down for the winter, pushed employment in services below the month-ago level in

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Industry	Nov. '85*	Oct. '85**	Nov. '84**	Nov. '85*	Oct. '85**	Nov. '84**	Nov. '85*	Oct. '85**	Nov. '84**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,500.9	1,503.3	1,472.6	67,000	66,700	65,100	33,100	33,000	32,000
Manufacturing	171.2	172.6	176.1	8,600	8,600	8,700	1,900	1,900	2,000
Mining	96.0	96.7	96.9	--	--	--	1,600	1,600	1,800
Construction	107.3	110.0	113.2	3,800	4,000	3,700	1,400	1,400	1,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	104.4	104.3	100.7	3,100	3,000	3,200	3,700	3,700	3,500
Trade	372.6	372.1	373.4	16,600	16,300	16,100	10,000	10,000	9,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	118.8	118.7	110.0	2,900	2,900	2,700	1,500	1,500	1,700
Services & Misc.	341.5	341.4	325.6	12,500	12,400	11,900	5,200	5,200	4,900
Government	189.1	187.5	176.7	19,500	19,500	18,800	7,800	7,700	7,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	65,700	66,500	67,100	95,500	94,800	93,400	83,100	81,400	80,100
Manufacturing	15,100	15,100	15,200	8,300	8,200	9,100	11,800	11,300	11,200
Mining	4,800	4,700	4,800	500	500	600	1,700	1,700	1,800
Construction	4,000	4,200	4,800	5,300	5,400	4,400	4,500	4,500	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,400	5,300	5,200	5,200	2,800	2,800	2,600
Trade	16,200	16,900	16,600	28,700	28,000	27,400	25,100	24,000	24,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,000	5,700	5,800	6,600	3,600	3,600	3,500
Services & Misc.	10,800	11,200	10,900	19,600	19,800	19,700	12,300	12,300	12,100
Government	8,500	8,500	8,400	22,200	21,900	21,400	21,300	21,200	20,200
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	52,100	51,800	53,000	53,600	53,400	53,800	39,100	38,700	38,800
Manufacturing	3,400	3,200	3,600	4,400	4,400	4,800	5,400	5,300	5,500
Mining	11,600	11,600	12,800	8,300	8,200	8,700	900	900	900
Construction	2,600	2,700	2,800	3,700	3,800	3,900	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,600	2,700	3,800	3,900	3,700
Trade	12,700	12,500	12,700	16,200	16,100	16,000	10,400	10,100	9,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,600	2,100	2,000	2,200	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	9,000	9,000	8,900	8,400	8,400	7,900	7,400	7,300	7,600
Government	6,900	6,900	6,100	7,900	7,900	7,600	6,800	6,800	6,800
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	477,300	475,700	466,600	37,600	37,500	37,200	46,300	46,500	45,900
Manufacturing	49,000	49,300	52,200	11,800	11,900	12,300	7,400	7,400	7,700
Mining	3,600	3,600	3,600	300	300	300	100	100	100
Construction	35,700	35,700	34,800	1,500	1,300	1,200	1,800	1,800	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,200	18,200	18,000	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,800	1,800	1,700
Trade	128,000	127,000	122,900	8,100	8,200	8,000	12,100	12,100	11,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	36,100	36,100	34,200	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	102,700	103,000	99,800	7,400	7,300	7,000	8,800	8,800	8,300
Government	103,800	102,800	101,100	5,000	5,000	4,900	12,600	12,800	12,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA 3/			WACO		
TOTAL	62,700	62,900	61,000	29,300	29,100	29,500	78,300	79,200	78,000
Manufacturing	12,100	12,500	12,500	3,000	2,900	3,100	15,600	16,000	15,600
Mining	3,200	3,300	3,400	2,900	2,800	3,000	--	--	--
Construction	3,200	3,300	2,900	2,500	2,600	2,500	4,300	4,400	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,900	1,500	1,600	1,500	3,700	3,700	3,600
Trade	16,600	16,400	15,800	8,400	8,300	8,100	19,700	19,700	19,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,500	3,400	1,800	1,600	1,600	4,800	4,700	4,900
Services & Misc.	12,600	12,600	12,200	5,100	5,100	5,400	18,300	18,800	18,100
Government	8,500	8,300	7,900	4,300	4,200	4,300	11,900	11,900	11,800
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,700	51,800	51,500						
Manufacturing	8,900	9,000	9,100						
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,400						
Construction	2,200	2,200	1,900						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600						
Trade	12,800	12,700	12,400						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,500	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,600	9,600	9,600						
Government	10,100	10,100	10,100						

* Preliminary -- subject to revision ** Revised

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor

2/ In thousands

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Nov. 1985*	Oct. 1985**	Nov. 1984**	Change From Oct. 1985	Change From Nov. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,648,900	6,642,300	6,513,700	6,600	135,200
Manufacturing	988,500	991,400	997,900	-2,900	-9,400
Durable Goods	573,700	578,900	579,900	-5,200	-6,200
Lumber & Wood Products	40,800	41,700	41,400	-900	-600
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,900	6,900	7,000	-100	-200
Furniture & Fixtures	17,600	17,600	18,200	0	-600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	50,000	50,600	48,300	-600	1,700
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	25,400	25,600	23,300	-200	2,100
Primary Metal Industries	34,700	35,500	36,400	-800	-1,700
Fabricated Metal Industries	83,300	84,200	83,700	-900	-400
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,100	43,700	43,800	-600	-700
Machinery, Except Electrical	121,600	124,400	133,400	-2,800	-11,800
Oil Field Machinery	37,000	37,700	40,500	-700	-3,500
Electric & Electronic Equipment	109,400	109,500	111,300	-100	-1,900
Transportation Equipment	80,500	79,800	71,500	700	9,000
Aircraft & Parts	42,500	42,200	34,100	300	8,400
Instruments & Related Products	22,700	22,700	22,800	0	-100
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,100	13,100	12,900	0	200
Nondurable Goods	414,800	412,500	418,000	2,300	-3,200
Food & Kindred Products	103,300	101,000	97,600	2,300	5,700
Meat Products	27,800	27,900	26,000	-100	1,800
Dairy Products	6,300	6,400	6,300	-100	0
Bakery Products	12,400	12,000	11,700	400	700
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,100	3,000	100	200
Textile Mill Products	4,600	4,800	4,800	-200	-200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	59,100	58,900	60,000	200	-900
Paper & Allied Products	23,700	23,700	24,100	0	-400
Printing & Publishing	73,700	73,600	72,300	100	1,400
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	36,900	36,800	36,000	100	900
Chemicals & Allied Products	75,400	75,600	76,000	-200	-600
Petroleum & Coal Products	34,300	34,200	41,500	0	-7,200
Petroleum Refining	31,200	31,200	38,300	0	-7,100
Leather & Leather Products	7,500	7,500	7,800	0	-300
Other Nondurable Goods	33,200	33,100	33,900	100	-700
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,660,400	5,650,900	5,515,800	9,500	144,600
Mining	260,800	261,400	271,900	-600	-11,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	251,300	251,900	262,200	-600	-10,900
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,500	9,500	9,700	0	-200
Construction	434,600	438,800	428,200	-4,200	6,400
Transportation & Public Utilities	374,200	374,600	372,000	-400	2,200
Railroad Transportation	23,700	23,700	24,800	0	-1,100
Transportation, Except Railroads	183,700	184,100	179,700	-400	4,000
Transportation by Air	41,100	41,700	37,400	-600	3,700
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	86,600	86,700	89,000	-100	-2,400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,200	80,100	78,500	100	1,700
Electric Services	45,100	45,000	44,200	100	900
Gas Production & Distribution	28,300	28,400	28,300	-100	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,654,700	1,646,900	1,631,000	7,800	23,700
Wholesale Trade	423,400	424,400	428,000	-1,000	-4,600
Retail Trade	1,231,300	1,222,500	1,203,000	8,800	28,300
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	54,300	54,500	54,400	-200	-100
General Merchandise Stores	168,800	162,000	160,600	6,800	8,200
Food Stores	221,600	220,900	214,200	700	7,400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	140,200	141,100	136,100	-900	4,100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	82,200	80,700	83,100	1,500	-900
Other Retail Trade	564,200	563,300	554,600	900	9,600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	431,000	430,700	419,800	300	11,200
Banking	106,400	106,500	105,300	-100	1,400
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	134,500	133,500	128,600	1,000	5,900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	190,100	190,700	186,200	-600	3,900
Services	1,315,600	1,320,500	1,280,100	-4,900	35,500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	77,200	77,000	78,600	0	-1,400
Personal Services	86,800	84,700	81,400	2,100	5,400
Business & Repair Services	369,100	369,600	360,400	-500	8,700
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	54,300	61,300	52,200	-7,000	2,100
Health Services	343,600	343,700	341,200	-100	2,400
Educational Services	63,700	63,800	61,300	-100	2,400
Other Services & Miscellaneous	320,900	320,600	305,000	300	15,900
Total Government	1,184,500	1,178,000	1,112,800	11,500	76,700
Total Federal Government	188,000	187,000	178,800	1,000	9,200
Total State Government	284,300	284,600	261,700	4,700	25,600
Total Local Government	712,200	706,400	670,200	5,800	42,000

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Nov. '85*	Oct. '85**	Nov. '84**	Nov. '85*	Oct. '85**	Nov. '84**	Nov. '85*	Oct. '85**	Nov. '84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	65,200	64,600	63,400	102,000	102,500	100,900	406,700	403,100	386,700
Total Unemployment	3,900	3,800	2,400	5,300	6,000	4,600	19,900	20,700	11,500
Percent Unemployed	6.0	5.9	3.8	5.2	5.9	4.6	4.9	5.1	3.0
Total Employment 2/	61,300	60,800	61,000	96,700	96,500	96,300	386,800	382,400	375,200
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	168,200	172,200	176,700	82,500	83,000	83,500	91,700	92,800	91,800
Total Unemployment	19,400	24,100	18,600	6,100	7,200	4,800	11,700	13,800	11,800
Percent Unemployed	11.5	14.0	10.5	7.4	8.7	5.7	12.8	14.9	12.9
Total Employment 2/	148,800	148,100	158,100	76,400	75,800	78,700	80,000	79,000	80,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,200	61,200	59,500	171,100	172,600	167,600	1,322.8	1,319.9	1,302.2
Total Unemployment	2,800	3,000	1,900	14,100	16,500	12,100	61.5	69.6	41.5
Percent Unemployed	4.6	4.9	3.2	8.2	9.6	7.2	4.6	5.3	3.2
Total Employment 2/	58,200	58,200	57,600	157,000	156,100	155,500	1,261.3	1,250.3	1,260.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	223,100	206,300	204,300	621,400	619,100	594,600	96,100	97,400	96,200
Total Unemployment	18,500	23,000	20,600	30,700	34,100	20,700	9,400	11,400	8,800
Percent Unemployed	8.1	11.2	10.1	4.9	5.5	3.5	9.8	11.7	9.1
Total Employment 2/	184,600	183,300	183,700	590,700	585,000	573,900	86,700	86,000	87,400
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,680.6	1,694.4	1,657.3	81,500	81,800	77,600	38,600	39,200	38,800
Total Unemployment	116.1	138.1	98.5	6,700	6,900	3,900	4,900	5,800	5,700
Percent Unemployed	6.9	8.2	5.9	8.2	8.4	5.0	12.7	14.8	14.7
Total Employment 2/	1,564.5	1,556.3	1,558.8	74,800	74,900	73,700	33,700	33,400	33,100
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,700	78,000	77,200	114,600	114,600	113,100	118,100	122,600	120,500
Total Unemployment	7,200	8,500	5,600	5,600	7,200	4,900	20,200	26,700	25,100
Percent Unemployed	9.4	10.9	7.3	4.9	6.3	4.3	17.1	21.8	20.8
Total Employment 2/	69,500	69,500	71,600	109,000	107,400	108,200	97,900	95,900	95,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,400	64,300	66,200	67,300	67,700	69,100	51,100	51,000	50,900
Total Unemployment	2,800	3,500	2,200	3,400	4,300	3,100	2,100	2,800	1,800
Percent Unemployed	4.3	5.4	3.3	5.1	6.4	4.5	4.1	5.5	3.5
Total Employment 2/	61,600	60,800	63,900	63,900	63,400	66,000	49,000	48,200	49,100
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	541,600	541,800	530,400	42,900	43,200	42,600	52,400	52,600	50,900
Total Unemployment	30,200	35,400	23,900	2,700	3,100	2,200	4,600	5,000	3,600
Percent Unemployed	5.6	6.5	4.5	6.3	7.2	5.2	8.8	9.5	7.1
Total Employment 2/	511,500	506,400	507,300	40,200	39,400	40,400	47,800	47,600	47,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	83,300	83,800	80,900	37,800	37,700	38,100	93,700	94,600	93,000
Total Unemployment	5,400	5,600	3,600	2,600	2,800	2,000	4,900	5,500	4,100
Percent Unemployed	6.5	6.9	4.4	6.9	7.4	5.2	5.2	5.8	4.4
Total Employment 2/	77,900	77,200	77,300	35,200	34,900	36,100	88,800	89,100	88,900
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	62,800	61,400	62,200				7,960.5	7,998.2	7,849.2
Total Unemployment	3,400	3,600	2,900				514.7	604.7	427.7
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.9	4.7				6.5	7.6	5.4
Total Employment 2/	58,400	57,800	59,300				7,445.8	7,393.3	7,421.3

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. †1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. †1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. †1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 393.54	$ 389.57	$ 377.73	41.6	41.4	41.6	$ 9.46	$ 9.41	$ 9.08
Durable Goods	394.80	387.81	373.80	42.0	41.7	42.0	9.40	9.30	8.90
Lumber & Wood Products	262.19	268.09	260.29	38.9	39.6	39.2	6.74	6.77	6.64
Furniture & Fixtures	257.63	257.99	229.51	40.7	40.5	39.3	6.33	6.37	5.84
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	385.82	387.41	363.19	44.5	45.1	43.6	8.67	8.59	8.33
Primary Metal Industries	445.20	428.07	414.29	42.0	41.2	41.1	10.60	10.39	10.08
Fabricated Metal Products	370.24	362.91	358.20	41.6	41.1	41.7	8.90	8.83	8.59
Machinery, exc. Electric	419.18	406.27	394.74	42.6	42.1	43.0	9.84	9.65	9.18
Oil Field Machinery	513.42	478.82	507.10	43.4	41.6	46.1	11.83	11.51	11.00
Electric & Electronic Equip.	421.51	405.59	413.99	41.9	40.6	42.9	10.06	9.99	9.65
Transportation Equipment	533.29	534.49	490.47	42.8	43.0	42.1	12.46	12.43	11.65
Instruments & Related Prod.	332.50	323.21	286.99	41.1	40.1	39.1	8.09	8.06	7.34
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	266.80	271.77	286.54	41.3	42.2	42.2	6.46	6.44	6.79
Nondurable Goods	391.55	390.60	383.35	41.0	40.9	41.1	9.55	9.55	9.32
Food & Kindred Products	327.35	333.85	337.90	41.7	42.1	43.2	7.85	7.93	7.84
Meat Products	273.14	275.46	291.43	41.7	41.8	43.7	6.55	6.59	6.44
Malt Beverages	746.69	699.85	742.60	44.9	42.7	47.0	16.63	16.39	15.80
Textile Mill Products	287.36	280.03	271.32	42.1	41.0	40.8	6.84	6.83	6.65
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	193.51	193.44	192.61	37.3	37.2	38.6	5.23	5.20	4.99
Paper & Allied Products	442.66	434.06	422.26	42.4	41.3	43.0	10.44	10.51	9.82
Printing & Publishing	377.30	372.56	361.00	39.8	39.3	40.2	9.48	9.48	8.98
Chemicals & Allied Products	625.65	618.72	606.41	43.0	42.7	42.2	14.55	14.49	14.37
Petroleum & Coal Products	617.58	613.28	554.36	43.8	43.9	39.4	14.10	13.97	14.07
Petroleum Refining	641.23	636.11	572.09	43.8	43.9	39.4	14.64	14.49	14.52
Leather & Leather Products	216.00	218.65	217.17	40.0	39.9	37.9	5.40	5.48	5.73
Other Nondurable Goods	364.68	365.56	351.54	41.3	41.4	41.9	8.83	8.83	8.39
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	494.64	481.34	487.41	43.2	42.9	46.2	11.45	11.22	10.55
Oil & Gas Extraction	497.95	483.91	491.24	43.3	42.9	46.3	11.50	11.28	10.61
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, exc. Fuel	418.41	433.44	395.90	40.9	43.0	42.8	10.23	10.08	9.25
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	480.40	484.81	450.65	40.0	40.3	39.6	12.01	12.03	11.38
Elec., Gas & San. Services	467.43	463.51	436.69	40.4	40.2	40.1	11.57	11.53	10.89
Wholesale & Retail Trade	228.85	227.87	226.45	32.6	32.9	33.4	7.02	6.99	6.78
Wholesale Trade	380.29	377.48	368.12	40.2	40.2	40.1	9.46	9.39	9.18
Retail Trade	182.41	181.20	181.23	30.3	30.2	31.3	6.02	6.00	5.79
General Merchandise Stores	185.31	178.97	160.31	29.0	29.1	29.2	6.39	6.15	5.49
Banking	271.03	270.31	259.78	37.8	37.7	38.6	7.17	7.17	6.73
HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS									
DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 385.22	$ 381.89	$ 359.21	41.6	41.6	41.1	$ 9.26	$ 9.18	$ 8.74
Durable Goods	408.07	399.49	371.35	42.2	41.7	41.3	9.67	9.58	9.04
Nondurable Goods	335.32	343.21	328.45	40.4	41.4	40.7	8.30	8.29	8.07
FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	396.86	394.67	365.79	41.6	41.5	41.9	9.54	9.51	8.73
Durable Goods	418.00	418.00	377.16	41.8	41.8	42.0	10.00	10.00	8.98
Nondurable Goods	346.47	338.64	342.74	41.1	40.8	41.9	8.43	8.30	8.18
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	475.84	470.73	478.73	42.6	42.6	43.8	11.17	11.05	10.93
Durable Goods	418.63	415.16	428.90	42.5	42.8	44.4	9.85	9.70	9.66
Nondurable Goods	553.39	544.80	545.26	42.7	42.2	42.9	12.96	12.91	12.71
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	293.76	297.15	277.38	40.8	41.1	40.2	7.20	7.23	6.90
Durable Goods	310.06	316.39	305.96	41.9	42.6	41.7	7.40	7.42	7.33
Nondurable Goods	277.90	278.08	248.58	39.7	39.6	38.6	7.00	7.04	6.44

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. †Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in Cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor

November. A smaller decline was recorded in business and repair services over the month.

Construction activity once again declined, as an additional 4,200 jobs were lost in November. Low foreign oil prices once again depressed employment in the oil and gas extraction portion of mining, as 600 positions were deleted. Transportation and public utilities also did poorly over the month, losing 400 jobs.

A moderate increase in nondurable goods was not sufficient to pull manufacturing employment up over the month, as sizeable decreases in the durable goods sector left manufacturing 2,900 below the October level. Durable goods as a whole dropped by 5,200, as the majority of its industries reported employment cutbacks over the month. The largest decline occurred in nonelectrical machinery, which lost 2,800 jobs as the slump in electronics continued. An estimated 900 positions were deleted in lumber and wood products as the downturn in construction reduced demand. A labor-management dispute in fabricated metal industries idled 900 workers over the month, and employers in primary metal industries with overstocked inventories cut 800 jobs in November. The only durable goods sector which recorded a notable gain was transportation equipment, where hiring for new and extended contracts created 700 new jobs.

Although nondurable goods increased by 2,300 between October and November, almost all of the increase was generated by food and kindred products, as the canning and freezing of vegetables was ongoing and Holiday hiring continued in bakery products. All other nondurable goods sectors recorded minor gains or losses.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS RISE

There were an estimated 651,000 manufacturing production workers in November, down 3,000 from the October level. In November, the average production worker worked 41.6 hours per week at $9.46 per hour, earning $393.54 per week. Average weekly hours rose 0.2 hour over the month, while average hourly earnings increased by 5¢, pushing average weekly earnings up $3.97. Most of the gains were generated by durable goods industries, as layoffs pushed hours worked by remaining staff upward and increased hourly earnings. A labor-management dispute in nonelectrical machinery caused hours worked to increase by 0.5 hour and average hourly earnings to rise by 19¢.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1984
Total Population	16,342,900	16,077,600*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.5	2.4
UI Covered Employers	314,100	305,190
Total Claims Actions	434,598	461,326
Total Initial Claims Actions	66,786	66,803
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	367,812	394,523
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$146.26	$134.22
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$49,401,873	$44,906,935
Total Placements	11,509	38,734

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UNEMPLOYMENT DIPS

The number of jobless Texans declined again between November and December, as 16,500 unemployed persons either found work or dropped out of the labor force, leaving 498,200 active jobseekers in mid-December. The decline caused the actual unemployment rate to edge downward from November's 6.5 percent to 6.3 percent in December. Total employment decreased moderately over the month, as 7,387,100 Texas residents were working in December.

A year ago, in December 1984, there were 72,100 more employed persons in Texas and 54,700 fewer unemployed, with the actual unemployment rate at 5.6 percent. The current month marked the first time in over six months that the 1985 rate was less than a full percentage point above the same month's rate in 1984.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	115,780.0	116,097.0	114,027.0
Unemployment	7,717.0	7,815.0	7,978.0
Percent Unemployed	6.7	6.7	7.0
Total Employment	108,063.0	108,282.0	106,049.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	116,229.0	116,067.0	114,464.0
Unemployment	8,023.0	8,140.0	8,191.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9	7.0	7.2
Total Employment	108,206.0	107,927.0	106,273.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,885.3	7,960.5	7,902.7
Unemployment	498.2	514.7	443.5
Percent Unemployed	6.3	6.5	5.6
Total Employment	7,387.1	7,445.8	7,459.2
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,915.0	7,996.0	7,937.0
Unemployment	541.0	549.0	476.0
Percent Unemployed	6.8	6.9	6.0
Total Employment	7,374.0	7,447.0	7,461.0

In the seasonally adjusted series, the State's unemployment rate slid from 6.9 percent in November to 6.8 percent in December, but the current rate was considerably above the year-ago rate of 6.0 percent. The Nation's actual unemployment rate remained unchanged over the month at 6.7 percent, slightly above the Texas rate; and the U. S. seasonally adjusted rate edged down from 7.0 percent to 6.9 percent over the month, just above Texas' seasonally adjusted 6.8 percent.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS INCREASE SEASONALLY

Only 17,900 jobs were added to the nonagricultural wage and salary employment total between November and December, as many sectors of the Texas economy showed either minimal growth or declined over the month. Nonfarm salaried jobs totaled 6,669,200 in mid-December, 121,900 above the December 1984 level -- almost half the increase produced between December 1983 and December 1984. Only three major industry groups recorded substantial increases over the month -- trade, services, and government. The retail portion of trade generated 18,500 jobs in December, as final hiring for the Christmas season was ongoing.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Dec. '85*	Nov. '85**	Dec. '84**	Dec. '85*	Nov. '85**	Dec. '84**	Dec. '85*	Nov. '85**	Dec. '84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	54,100	53,700	53,500	80,800	81,800	80,500	356,200	355,700	343,000
Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,600	9,700	9,800	9,700	40,800	41,000	41,600
Mining	4,000	4,000	4,000	1,400	1,500	1,800	1,100	1,100	1,000
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	4,400	5,000	4,500	27,700	27,900	27,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,700	2,800	6,000	6,000	6,500	9,600	9,600	9,400
Trade	14,900	14,600	14,800	25,200	25,100	24,300	77,700	76,200	75,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,300	4,300	4,400	25,700	25,600	23,400
Services & Misc.	12,900	12,900	12,700	15,600	15,800	15,300	81,000	81,600	74,800
Government	8,100	8,100	8,000	14,200	14,300	13,900	92,600	92,700	90,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	136,000	136,500	143,300	58,600	58,400	60,000	64,500	64,800	65,300
Manufacturing	26,900	27,000	30,300	16,200	16,200	17,100	9,500	9,800	10,700
Mining	2,700	2,800	3,000	2,100	2,000	2,400	100	100	100
Construction	8,300	8,600	9,400	6,300	6,200	7,300	3,300	3,400	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,200	11,400	11,800	2,200	2,200	2,500	3,100	3,200	3,100
Trade	34,300	34,000	35,300	11,100	11,000	11,000	18,600	18,300	18,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,600	2,400	2,400	2,200	3,200	3,300	3,200
Services & Misc.	26,900	27,000	27,900	7,300	7,500	7,300	12,000	12,000	11,800
Government	20,200	20,300	20,000	11,000	10,900	10,200	14,700	14,700	14,100
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	50,700	51,300	49,800	136,500	136,800	134,500	1,254.0	1,254.8	1,240.4
Manufacturing	3,300	3,600	3,400	13,300	13,500	13,700	221.4	222.1	224.6
Mining	1,400	1,500	1,400	7,100	7,000	7,800	23.5	23.5	23.6
Construction	2,700	2,800	3,000	12,000	12,400	11,000	78.3	80.3	76.9
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,600	1,600	7,600	7,600	7,600	77.6	77.7	76.0
Trade	10,900	10,900	10,500	35,000	34,800	34,200	335.3	333.0	333.0
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	2,000	6,300	6,300	6,400	118.2	118.3	116.4
Services & Misc.	7,700	7,700	7,300	27,600	27,600	26,600	260.9	261.3	257.2
Government	21,200	21,200	20,600	27,600	27,600	27,200	138.8	138.6	132.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	176,500	175,600	173,300	492,000	491,500	474,600	73,900	74,000	73,500
Manufacturing	39,100	39,400	38,600	112,100	111,600	109,500	9,900	9,900	10,300
Mining	500	500	400	4,600	4,600	4,900	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	8,900	9,000	8,900	29,800	30,400	28,500	3,900	3,900	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,300	9,100	8,700	25,100	25,100	23,900	5,600	5,600	6,100
Trade	42,700	41,900	42,000	137,700	135,700	131,900	13,900	13,800	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,700	8,500	8,300	27,900	28,100	26,100	5,000	5,000	4,700
Services & Misc.	31,900	31,700	29,900	92,500	93,800	89,000	12,400	12,600	12,400
Government	35,400	35,500	35,500	62,300	62,200	60,700	22,100	22,100	20,800

Growth from November to December in services was substantial, with 5,300 additions. The majority of the increase was due to a motion picture being filmed in the State, which upped employment in amusement, including motion pictures, by 6,600 over the month. Business and repair services also provided a sizeable increase, as temporary help agencies added people to fill in for vacationing workers during Christmas. The only cutbacks occurred in educational services, as the fall semester was ending at private schools and colleges.

Government recorded an increase of 2,200 over the month, with most of the growth generated by the federal sector as additional Postal workers were hired to deal with the last-minute Christmas mail and temporary workers were hired to fill in for those on holiday. State government employment declined due to the close of the fall semester at state educational institutions.

The recent slowdown in construction has curtailed growth in finance, insurance and real estate, as this sector created only 600 new jobs in December. Job creation was fairly evenly spread throughout the three sectors, with other finance, insurance and real estate gaining 300 jobs and smaller gains in the other segments. All portions of transportation, except railroads, suffered cutbacks in December, pulling

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
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Industry	Dec. '85*	Nov. '85**	Dec. '84**	Dec. '85*	Nov. '85**	Dec. '84**	Dec. '85*	Nov. '85**	Dec. '84**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,507.2	1,501.1	1,479.4	66,500	66,800	64,900	33,000	33,000	32,500
Manufacturing	170.8	171.3	176.1	8,500	8,600	8,600	1,800	1,900	1,900
Mining	97.2	96.3	96.7	--	--	--	1,500	1,600	1,800
Construction	105.8	107.5	111.4	3,600	3,700	3,600	1,400	1,400	1,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	103.9	104.5	100.8	3,000	3,100	3,100	3,700	3,700	3,500
Trade	376.9	371.8	380.0	16,300	16,500	16,300	10,000	9,900	10,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	119.2	118.8	110.2	2,900	2,900	2,700	1,500	1,500	1,700
Services & Misc.	343.9	341.8	327.0	12,500	12,400	11,900	5,200	5,200	5,000
Government	189.5	189.1	177.2	19,700	19,600	18,700	7,800	7,800	7,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	65,800	65,600	67,700	95,300	95,900	93,900	84,100	83,100	81,100
Manufacturing	15,000	15,000	15,200	7,900	8,300	9,200	11,700	11,800	11,200
Mining	4,800	4,800	4,700	400	500	600	1,700	1,700	1,800
Construction	4,000	4,000	5,000	5,100	5,300	4,400	4,500	4,500	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,400	5,400	5,400	5,200	2,800	2,800	2,700
Trade	16,500	16,200	16,800	29,000	28,800	27,600	26,100	25,000	25,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,100	3,000	5,800	5,700	5,600	3,600	3,600	3,500
Services & Misc.	10,800	10,800	11,100	19,500	19,600	19,700	12,300	12,300	12,200
Government	8,500	8,500	8,500	22,200	22,300	21,600	21,400	21,400	20,300
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	52,400	51,900	53,500	53,800	53,600	55,500	39,500	39,200	39,200
Manufacturing	3,500	3,400	3,600	4,400	4,400	4,900	5,500	5,400	5,500
Mining	11,600	11,600	12,800	8,200	8,200	8,700	900	900	900
Construction	2,800	2,800	2,800	3,500	3,700	4,200	2,700	2,700	2,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,700	3,800	3,800	3,800
Trade	12,900	12,500	12,900	16,600	16,200	16,800	10,600	10,400	10,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,600	2,100	2,100	2,300	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,700	8,700	8,800	8,500	8,500	8,200	7,400	7,400	7,600
Government	7,000	7,000	6,400	7,900	7,900	7,700	6,800	6,800	6,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	479,200	476,700	468,600	37,500	37,600	36,900	46,300	46,100	46,400
Manufacturing	48,800	49,200	52,000	11,800	11,800	11,800	7,400	7,300	7,700
Mining	3,500	3,600	3,600	300	300	300	100	100	100
Construction	35,400	35,500	34,500	1,300	1,500	1,200	1,700	1,700	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,200	18,200	17,900	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Trade	129,400	127,500	125,300	8,300	8,100	8,200	12,300	12,100	12,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	36,300	36,100	34,200	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	103,200	102,800	100,000	7,300	7,400	7,000	8,700	8,800	8,300
Government	104,400	103,800	101,100	5,000	5,000	4,900	12,600	12,600	12,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	62,700	62,300	61,200	29,200	29,100	29,600	78,800	78,300	77,400
Manufacturing	12,000	12,200	12,500	3,000	3,000	2,900	15,900	15,600	15,400
Mining	3,100	3,200	3,500	2,900	2,900	3,000	--	--	--
Construction	3,300	3,300	2,700	2,400	2,400	2,700	4,400	4,300	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,900	1,600	1,600	1,400	3,700	3,700	3,600
Trade	16,700	16,600	16,100	8,400	8,400	8,300	19,600	19,700	19,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,400	1,600	1,600	1,600	4,800	4,800	4,900
Services & Misc.	12,600	12,500	12,200	5,100	5,000	5,500	18,400	18,300	17,900
Government	8,500	8,500	7,900	4,200	4,200	4,200	12,000	11,900	11,800
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,900	51,700	52,200						
Manufacturing	8,900	8,900	9,200						
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,400						
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,100						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600						
Trade	13,000	12,800	12,800						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,600	9,600	9,600						
Government	10,100	10,100	10,100						

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2/ In Thousands